

Renewal of Standard or Professional License

According to NAC 391.065, Nevada educators are required to complete six (6) credits of professional development education to renew their licenses. Renewal requirements may vary depending on the type of license held and are referenced in the Exceptions/Options area. The requirements for renewing a license are also listed on the reverse side of the license. According to NAC 391.075, the six (6) credits of professional development education should:

1. Be directly related to the person's current license,
2. Be part of an additional endorsement,
3. Be in a subject for which shortages of personnel exist, or
4. Be part of an approved program leading to an advanced degree.

Credits taken toward renewal must be completed after the date the license is issued and prior to the date the license expires. The renewal application may be submitted as early as nine (9) months before the license expires.

Professional development credits may be earned from a regionally accredited college/university at the undergraduate or graduate level or from a provider sanctioned by the Nevada Department of Education who has requested pre-approval to offer continuing education courses. Professional Development Education courses offered by Clark County School District and in service courses offered by Washoe County School District are all approved courses for renewal. Check with these districts for information.

Exceptions/Options

National Board Certification: A licensee may receive six (6) renewal credits for the completion of the requirements for the National Board Certification (NBC) upon the submission of the official assessment score report issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A person is not required to hold a NBC to receive such credits.

Education Specialist (Ed.S.) or Doctoral Degree (Ed.D., Ph.D.): A licensee who holds one of these degrees need only submit Evidence of Professional Growth (E.P.G.) instead of the six (6) credits generally required. E.P.G. may be shown by teaching at the college level or proof of attending seminars or workshops. Submit verification of a teaching assignment signed by a college/university dean stating course number, credits, and semesters taught. This verification should be written on college/university letterhead.

Post-Secondary Teaching: A licensee who holds a Master's or more advanced degree may receive a maximum of two (2) renewal credits by conducting a seminar or workshop or by teaching at the college level if the seminar, course, etc., being taught is in the same area of the license held. Submit verification of a teaching assignment signed by a college/university dean stating course number, credits, and semesters taught. This verification should be written on college/university letterhead

Educational Conferences: A licensee interested in attending a conference that is not State approved is required to complete the In-service Pre-Approval form. Visit <http://nvteachers.doe.nv.gov/Home.htm> , under In-Service to locate the Course Approval Form.

Automotive Service Technology: A licensee must submit verification of valid certification as a master automobile technician or submit verification of valid certification in all of these areas: brakes, electrical and electronic systems, engine performance, and suspension and steering.

School Nurse: A licensee must submit verification of a valid Nevada Nursing License in lieu of the six (6) renewal credits.

School Psychologist: A licensee may submit a valid certificate as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist issued by the National School Psychology Certification System of the National Association of School Psychologists in lieu of the six (6) credits upon renewal.

School Social Worker: A licensee must have completed at least six (6) semester hours in education relating to social work in schools or an equal amount of credit for in-service work relating to social work in schools or and submit a valid license issued by the Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers.

Nevada Retired Teacher Status: A person must submit verification of retired Nevada teacher status (a minimum of fifteen years of full-time teaching in Nevada and verification of official retirement date from PERS) to be waived from traditional professional development credits.

Speech and Language Impairments: A person who holds a current ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) certificate or an equivalent license from the Nevada Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Pathology.